

# King Conservation District

State Legislative District #1,11,30,31,32,33,  
34,36,37, 39, 41,43,45,46,47,48  
Congressional District #1, 2, 7, 8, 9

## Other Accomplishments

Working cooperatively with landowners to develop 75 farm plans and to implement best management practices.



Holding workshops to educate landowners on ways to protect Puget Sound.



Working with the Veterans Conservation Corps on training and projects as part of the Volunteer Program.



## 2008 Feature Accomplishment

### Zacusse Creek Fish Passage

#### *Resource Challenge*

Many existing older culverts block fish passage in streams where salmon need to spawn. Zaccusse Creek, a tributary to Lake Sammamish, was a good example of this condition. Property owners had structures along the creek, and, while wanting to help improve fish passage, they were concerned about maintaining the stability of the channel.



Planting the new fish-friendly channel with native shrubs

#### *Project Summary and Results*

A new wider, bottomless culvert was recommended to improve fish passage. First the creek was diverted through a temporary pipe. The old 40-inch culvert was pulled out and the channel widened and sloped back slightly. The new six-foot wide culvert was installed. Rock and native plants were incorporated to improve the natural stream look and stabilize the new culvert. Now spawning salmon species from Lake Sammamish can pass through the culvert, gaining access to spawning gravels above the site. As a member city within the King Conservation District, the City of Sammamish leveraged its resources and utilized District personnel to accomplish the project.

The property owner on the north side of the creek was pleased with what he called the new "open" creek and how well he was treated by the District during construction. "You would have thought I was a very important person," he later wrote.

#### *Key Project Partners*

City of Sammamish, Lakefront private property owners

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## More Work To Do

The District continues to see a large demand for services in both the rural communities as well as the urban areas. In addition to our WRIA and Jurisdiction grant program, the District offers incentives and Opportunity Fund grants to private landowners. We will continue to focus on protecting Puget Sound, maintaining sustainable working farms and forests and enhancing habitat by working cooperatively with landowners.